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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
Senate President
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I am allowing Senate Bill 370, *The Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006* to become law without my signature.

Senate Bill 370 was amended in a manner that significantly changed the Capital Program that I submitted to the General Assembly. The bill was also amended to include changes to other statutes. The Attorney General has advised that the Governor may not veto these items related to changes to other statutes because they are not "items of appropriation." In order to reject these specific changes to other State laws, I would be required to veto the entire bill. I do not agree with this interpretation of my veto authority; however, to avoid any delay in initiating the many worthy projects that are included in the bill, I will allow the bill to become law without my signature.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor